

Remarks

In the Office Action, the Examiner requires a restriction to one of the following inventions, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121:

- Group I: Claims 13-17, drawn to a method, classified in class 156; and
- Group II: Claim 18, drawn to a product, classified in class 428.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute Group II, Claim 18 and new claims 44-50, in the present application. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute Claims 13-17 and 40-42 in one or more divisional applications claiming the priority benefit of the above-captioned Application.

In view of the above election, claim 18 is amended into independent claim form due to the withdrawal of Claim 13. In addition, claims 44-50 are added by this amendment to provide the Applicants with a more complete scope of protection. Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 44-49 are directed to Group II of the present application as defined by the Examiner. No new matter is added by this amendment.

Finally, in view of the election set forth above, the Applicant amends the Title of the present application to "Low Temperature Reactive Composite Joining."

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees related to the entry of this Reply to deposit account number 501358.

Respectfully submitted,



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